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1. **FRANCE: French policy toward Germany not realistic--**
 US Ambassador Caffery reports that French Foreign Minister Schuman stated that: (1) he realizes full well that a good part of French policy toward Germany is not realistic but that the French people do not realize this; (2) France will have to abandon certain points in its German policy; and (3) in no event would he accept Soviet participation "in any form" in the Ruhr. Schuman added that he resented especially the timing of the recent action of the military commanders arranging for German trusteeship of the Ruhr.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that because Schuman has revealed his conciliatory attitude toward over-all French policy on Germany, he may feel that he is in a stronger position for insisting upon a modification of the US-UK decision on the Ruhr.)

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